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SYMPATHY WITH COUNTRY

Lexington Mourns the Death of President McKinley.

CALLS A MASS MEETING

Which Resolutions of Condolence Were Unanimously Adopted.

When the news reached Lexington Saturday morning that President McKinley had died Mayor Young immediately issued a proclamation regarding that all business houses be closed at half past ten o'clock the noon hour as a mark of respect to the dead chief, and that the people of Lexington assemble in the circuit court room for the purpose of taking appropriate action regarding the ending of the tragic shooting at Buffalo, New York, a week ago.

Very short time the large room was filled with people, a large number of confederate soldiers. The mayor's proclamation was read by W. H. Chiles, after that gentleman called on Ed. Taubman to act as temporary chairman.

Taubman made a brief speech regarding the object of the meeting. He made a glowing tribute to the dead and spoke words of sympathy to his wife, friends and government.

Many of the Baptist church members permanent chairmen and eulogized the departed chief. Representatives of the INTELLIGENCER and News were made secretaries.

A blessing was invoked by Rev. E. Ryland.

A resolution was made by Hon. Alex. Graves and adopted to the effect that a committee of seven be appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions and report to the meeting. The following gentlemen were named: Hon. Alexander Graves, Messrs. Ed. Taubman, John E. Ryland, William Aull, W. H. Chiles, John Taubman, Sr., and J. Q. Platt.

The committee had retired. S. J. Given suggested that an executive committee be named to arrange appropriate ceremonies on the day of the funeral and as members of the committee Dr. Manly named J. J. Huston, Hon. Alexander Graves, Ed. Taubman, Judge John E. Ryland, William Aull, W. H. Chiles, John Taubman, Sr., and J. Q. Platt.

The following preamble and resolutions were reported by the resolution committee and were unanimously adopted.

In this hour of national mourning when the people of the United States are bowed with the weight of grief that cannot be told because the mortal part of our president is held in the embrace of death at the hands of the anarchist, we are assembled to mingle our sorrow in common with our country, and it befits us as we may to give public expression to our love, our grief and our sympathy. Therefore be it resolved: That a mass meeting assembled: To mourn the death of William McKinley, the republic has suffered the loss of one of the most illustrious of its patriots and presidents.

That the country is bereft of a distinguished man for all civic life, and a pure and noble life marked by a devotion to all that is good, true, brave and noble.

That his character, both as public man and private citizen, is without peer and has greatly endeared him to all the people of the country and that it is worthy to have been, and will indeed, the president of the whole country by which his name and fame will ever be cherished as a heritage.

That while we mourn the loss of our countrymen, our hearts are filled with sympathy for her who alone knows

the depth of love and affection which came from the great heart of the husband who has gone before to the house of many mansions prepared for him and for her.

That in this hour of our country's dire distress we turn to the God of nations in whom we trust and to whom we commit all things of the future and invoke His blessing and guidance for our country and to pray that his successor may be actuated and governed by omniscient wisdom.

During the meeting eulogies were delivered by the Hon. Alex. Graves and the Rev. J. C. Caldwell, pastor of Zion Baptist church, (colored.)

The Wrong Station.

Col. R. T. Van Horn, of Kansas City while en route to Concordia to be present at an anniversary gathering of the blue and the gray commemorative of the battle of Lexington, through mistake left the train at Lexington Friday morning and was forced to spend the day here. Col. Van Horn was one of the speakers for the occasion and he was doubtless missed. He had understood that he was to speak at "Concordia hall, Lexington." There is no Concordia hall here. He should have gone to the town of Concordia.

A Good Selection.

The County Clerks' association of Missouri has been in session at St. Louis this week and the keepers of county records have been enjoying themselves hugely as well as looking after business. At the annual election of officers S. B. Thornton, of Lafayette county, was chosen as assistant secretary. No better selection could have been made, and the INTELLIGENCER congratulates the county clerks of Missouri on placing their affairs in such excellent hands. We unhesitatingly vouch for the statement that the trust reposed in him will never be abused.

Epworth Leaguers to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Epworth Leagues of the Kansas City district will be held at Lee's Summit, October 7 and 8. The Kansas City district embraces Cass, Jackson, Johnson and Lafayette counties. The usual business of the district organization, including the election of officers, will be transacted, and addresses will be made by Dr. Matt L. Hughes, Dr. William A. Quayle, Rev. S. J. Heaton, Dr. W. Wright, Rev. E. M. Dugger and Rev. W. T. Scoot of Kansas City. W. N. Grant, financial clerk in the Kansas City postoffice, is now president, and Miss Anna Ericsson, also of Kansas City, secretary of the district organization.

Will Filed for Probate.

The will of the late J. J. Hampton was filed for probate Wednesday morning. The estimated value of the estate is \$12,000. The deceased leaves to Joshua Winn, a grandson, \$3,000 and the remainder to be divided among Maria J. Wiles, Sarah F. Price, James Winn and Georgia Winn. John Price is named as executor and the will was witnessed by A. H. Kruse and Neil Pugsley, of Eldorado, Mo.

Burned to Death.

The Alma correspondent of the INTELLIGENCER sends in information that news had reached that place that J. F. Fenne, formerly of that neighborhood had been burned to death at his home in Texas. Mr. Fenne was employing fire to smoke mosquitoes from his home when his clothing took fire and he was fatally burned.

Opposes Narcotics.

Miss Annie M. Dowden for a number of years a resident of Lexington, now of Kansas City, will speak at the Christian church Sunday night on the pernicious effects of narcotics, especially the cigarette. Miss Dowden invites all of her old Lexington friends and the public in general to come out and hear her.

Surely Not.

Columbia Statesman: "We should not want the Centra Courier man to pick out a wife for us, if he took the advice he gave young men in last week's paper. He said: 'The man who wants to marry happily should pick out a good mother and marry one of her daughters; any one will do.'"

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY IS DEAD.

A Week of Earnest Mourning and Prayer by the American People.

THEO. ROOSEVELT IN NOW PRESIDENT.

Promises to Carry Our Mr. McKinley's Policies. Trial of Czolgosz Begins Monday.

President McKinley died at Buffalo, New York, at 15 minutes after two o'clock last Saturday morning only a few hours after the WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER had gone to press giving the sad news that a change for the worst in his condition had taken place and that the end was near. Since that day the American people have been bowed in sorrow and the nation wept as it is seldom called upon to weep. The cause of the president's death was a development of gangrenous conditions, immediately surrounding the stomach shot and some adhere to the belief that the bullet had been poisoned. The end came peacefully to the nation's chief, he having been conscious at intervals for several hours before he died. During those intervals he chanted verses of "Nearer My God to Thee," and the last words to his devoted wife told of the Christian fortitude with which he faced death. "God's will, not our's be done," he said.

After lying in state at Buffalo for a brief period the remains were removed to Washington where they were viewed by thousands of the dead president's friends. From Washington the funeral party continued to Canton, Ohio, and there the final funeral ceremonies were conducted Thursday afternoon. Along the entire route of the funeral train great crowds of sympathizing



Americans congregated to do honor to the dead chief and mingle their tears with those of the heart-broken widow. The country has never witnessed a greater manifestation of love for its chief executive than in the case of William McKinley. The feeling was not sectional. It reached from the southern boundary of the British possessions to the waters of the gulf of Mexico and from the shores of the turbulent Atlantic to the Golden Gate. Sympathetic messages poured in from all the rulers of the world—grief seemed international in its scope.

Gov. Dockery, as did the governors of all the states in the Union, issued a proclamation admonishing the people to engage in memorial services on Thursday afternoon, the day on which the funeral occurred at Canton, Ohio, and the response was general. Gov. Dockery went to Washington and from thence to Canton to be present at the observation of the last said rites.

A few hours after President McKinley's death Mr. Roosevelt took the oath of office and became president of the United States. He declared immediately that he would carry out the governmental policies adopted by Mr. McKinley and invited the members of the latter's cabinet to become members of his official household. Column after column of stuff has been sent over the wires anent President Roosevelt's attitude toward Mr. Hanna and other leading politicians but nothing authentic is known. It is only the usual rush of matter into print by representatives of metropolitan newspapers who must say something under such circumstances and when thwarted as to fact resort to fancy. Future developments alone will tell the story.

President Roosevelt is the youngest man who has ever held this position. He has a wife and five children, who are now in Washington living very quietly. Mrs. Roosevelt has refused to leave her seclusion through sympathy for the bereaved wife of the dead president and in keeping with a commendable and most timely modesty.

Czolgosz, the anarchist who assassinated Mr. McKinley has been arranged, but when questioned preserved a stolid silence. His trial has been set for next Monday and eminent counsel has been named to defend him. Though he shows a disposition to assume insanity, however, it is safe to say that in a few days he will pay the penalty of his great crime in the state electric chair of New York.

Efforts to connect others with the crime have so far failed.

County Reading Circle. The Teachers' Reading Circle will meet in Lexington, Saturday, October 12, 1901.

It is expected that a large number of teachers will take part in the county reading circle work. There are quite a number of teachers who will finish four years' work this year and receive a certificate from the State Reading Circle Board.

Every teacher should take an active part in this work and keep abreast with the advancement made. The time is fast approaching when teachers who are content with what they acquire while in school must seek employment at something else and give way to those who are prepared to meet the demands of the times.

The Reading Circle is one of the means by which the teacher can advance in the work.

This year, nature study and literature will be the subjects for study. The texts adopted are "Lange's Handbook of Nature Study and Introductory Lessons in English Literature." Both of these books are taken from the list recommended by the board of directors of the State Teachers' Reading Circle, and can be obtained from H. A. Gass, Jefferson City, Mo.,—the price being one dollar each.

Local circles are being organized all over the county, and the County Board of Education invites the superintendents and principals of the various towns and villages to organize local circles, composed of their teachers and the teachers of the surrounding districts.

A programme will be sent to each teacher as soon as the same can be arranged. JOS. KUEHLS, Pres. C. A. PHILLIPS, Sec'y.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Memorial Programmes that were Carried Out Thursday.

Appended will be found the programmes that were carried out at the McKinley memorial services at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches Thursday afternoon:

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Reading of president's proclamation.

Scripture lesson by Dr. G. W. Hyde. Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light."

Prayer, by Capt. S. J. Andrew. Hymn, "Sometime We'll Understand."

Addresses by Judge William Young, Dr. Chas. Manly and U. G. Phetzing. Solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," by Miss Fish.

Addresses by Judge Richard Field, W. H. Chiles and Dr. E. C. Gordon. Prayer, by R. T. Jesse.

Song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Benediction, by Dr. G. W. Hyde.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Reading of president's proclamation.

Song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Reeves.

Scripture reading by Judge J. E. Ryland.

Song, "Asleep in Jesus," by Miss Frances Smith.

Address, by E. M. Taubman. Song, "Lead Kindly Light."

Addresses by Rev. Mr. Buchmueller and John E. Burden.

Song, "My Jesus as Thou Wilt." Addresses by John S. Blackwell and Alexander Graves.

Song, "Abide With Me." Address by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Given.

Vocal Quartette, "Lead Me Gently Home."

Benediction, by the Rev. Mr. Buchmueller.

The amalgamated forces of political discontent met at Kansas City this week and now labor under the impression that they have given birth to a new party. Like unto other hybrid political productions in this state the passing of this new creation will soon be witnessed. However, its demise will be quickened if the press will refuse to give it notice.

The Knights of the Belgian Hares held a meeting at their den in this city Wednesday evening and disposed of two fine specimens, prepared to perfection. Music and songs by members of the lodge and a speech or two were the features of the evening. They adjourned in the wee small hours to meet again, when most of them will have chicken on the brain.

THE LAST SOLEMN RITES.

On Account of Rain the Parade was Abandoned.

MEETINGS WERE WELL ATTENDED.

Public Buildings, Business Houses and Residences Draped in Mourning.

Thursday of this week was a day of sorrow and weeping throughout the country, and while the last sad rites over the body of President McKinley were being observed at Canton, Ohio, memorial services were being conducted in almost every town and village in the United States in honor of the departed chief.

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Arrangements had been made here for a street parade, composed of city officials, colleges, public schools, secret orders, organizations social and otherwise and members of the fire department, but when the shades of Wednesday night had passed away dark clouds obscured the skies and quite a heavy rain soon began falling. The executive committee having the sorrowful ceremonies in charge waited until near noon hoping that the clouds would roll away, but they lingered on with seeming determination to mingle their tears with those of the dead chief's countrymen until the portals of the tomb should have been closed. Under these conditions nothing could be done but declare the parade off, which was done through the instrumentality of a circular which was scattered throughout the city. At the same time the committee admonished the people to assemble at their respective lodge rooms, etc., and march to the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in body to attend the services at three o'clock in the afternoon.

At the hour named, the rain having ceased to fall, the auditoriums of both the churches designated were crowded with citizens of Lexington, notably a large number of ladies. The churches were beautifully—yet distinctively impressive of solemnity—decorated with the national colors, touched here and there with the somber black that tells so truly of death and mourning. Flowers and palms in profusion were visible, lending their sweetly sublime influences to the solemn surroundings. All seemed impressed with the fact that the last mortal debt was being paid to a great nation's chief. The only consoling evidence visible was the manifestation of Christian hope with its promise of future reward. The spirit of Christ worship seemed to lend a joyous presence even under the sting of the visitation of the grim reaper.

At the churches named the order of ceremonies was as announced in the programmes published in the daily on Thursday. The eulogies delivered were eloquent and the song service appropriate and beautiful.

A most interesting meeting was held at the opera house and was largely attended. Glowing tributes to the memory of the dead were paid by Judge T. J. Duling and Harry Blee.

Impressive services were also held at Zion Baptist church, where a large number of the colored citizens of the town assembled to bemoan the nation's loss through the death of President McKinley.

The city buildings, court house, colleges, business houses and many of the residences of the city were draped in mourning, emphasizing the general sorrow felt in Lexington over the great calamity that has befallen the country. All business houses were closed during the afternoon.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of the late William F. Kerdolf will take place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Davis, at the corner of College and Lafayette streets, this morning at ten o'clock. Service will be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Given.